

# ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

## *STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND TEAM STANDARDS*

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Philosophy

The Rockville High School Athletic Program strives to develop a well-rounded student athlete. We view athletics as an extension of the classroom where life-lessons are learned. Sportsmanship, scholarship, and physical development are promoted and developed through a wide variety of levels and types of interscholastic sports.

### Student Eligibility

1. All students who are candidates for participation in interscholastic athletics are required to have an annual medical evaluation. Athletes must submit proof of a valid medical evaluation, transportation form, medical card, team standards form, and parent/guardian permission form before being allowed to participate in practices or contests.
2. A student who has a failing grade in more than one subject, and/or a grade point average of less than 2.0 at the end of a marking period shall automatically be ineligible to participate in athletic contests and practices during the next marking period. A student becomes ineligible the day a report card is issued and remains ineligible until the next report card is issued.
3. A student who is ineligible for any reason may not try out, practice, or play during the period of ineligibility.
4. Unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to class or team practice may be sufficient reason for declaring a student ineligible at any time. The coach, in consultation with the athletic director, will determine the date and term of ineligibility.
5. Athletes must be in all of their scheduled classes in order to participate in any athletic practice or contest. However, the principal or principal's designee may excuse an athlete for prescheduled activities such as a driver's test, medical appointment, court appearance, or unforeseen emergency. A student who has any absence other than those specified may not practice or compete on that day. Field trips are part of the school program and are not considered unexcused absences.
6. If a student has violated the regulation in rule 5 above or has an unexcused absence, s/he may not compete in the next contest after the violation has been verified.
7. Students who are 19 years or older as of August 31 are ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities for the school year ahead.
8. Athletes who are enrolled in a physical education class must actively participate in class on the day of a practice or a contest.
9. Students may not participate in more than one interscholastic sport in one season.
10. A student who participates in both varsity and junior varsity teams may not play in a number of games that exceed the maximum number allowed for a varsity team in a week or a season. A student may not compete on both varsity and junior varsity teams on the same day.

### Team Standards

1. Maintain academic standing and scholastic eligibility according to MCPS policies
2. Display behavior that will add to the good name of the Rockville HS Athletic Department
3. Attend all practices, meetings, and games unless ill or given prior permission to be absent by the coach and/or athletic director
4. Maintain good school and community relationships
5. Comply with all school rules and policies
6. Display good sportsmanship at all times
7. Do not allow outside club sport activities to interfere with school team practices or contests

Criteria for earning a varsity letter/award

1. An athlete must satisfactorily meet the team's participation criteria to receive an award.

Alcohol/Tobacco/Controlled Substances Policy

The use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and controlled substances including steroids is an extremely serious health issue. Such use places the quality of life for the student athlete in jeopardy. Also at issue is the interdependency of team members and coaches that requires that all student athletes be mentally and physically prepared to give their best efforts. If the student athlete is using alcohol, tobacco or drugs not prescribed by a physician, s/he is placing herself/himself at risk. With this in mind, the following guidelines will be enforced in the event of student use, distribution, or possession of these illegal substances. The rules below pertain to the student on school grounds and at all school sanctioned events.

If the use, distribution or possession of tobacco products by a student athlete is verified, the athlete will receive a minimum ten consecutive school day suspension from all athletic activities. Upon verification of a second violation, s/he will be suspended for the remainder of the season or two months, whichever is longer.

If the illegal use, distribution, or possession of alcohol or drugs is verified, s/he will be suspended for the remainder of the season or two months, whichever is longer. Upon verification of a second violation, s/he will be suspended from all athletic activities for one calendar year.

Residency

Please respond to the following residency statements:

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|----|---|----------------|------------|----------|----|
| 1. | I reside at: _____  | Street Address | City/State | Zip Code |    |
| 2. | I reside at this residence with a parent or guardian.                     |                |            | Yes      | No |
| 3. | I am a legally registered student at Rockville HS.                        |                |            | Yes      | No |
| 4. | My current address is different than last year's.                         |                |            | Yes      | No |
| 5. | I have played for a team at a different MCPS high school.                 |                |            | Yes      | No |
| 6. | I agree to notify the coach/school of any changes in my residence status. |                |            | Yes      | No |

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand all parts of this contract and that you have responded accurately. Failure to comply with the above guidelines will result in the athlete's suspension or dismissal from the team upon agreement with the coaching staff, school principal, and athletic director.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian